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British Embassy Tuesday delivered aide-memoire to MacArthur referred to

London's 2661. Text aide-memoire being airpouched London and Paris. Aide-

memoire proposes bringing China trade control lists and COCOM lists into

alignment over period of one year. Aide-memoire lists certain priority

items which should be dropped from embargo list over next six months set

forth in QUOTE order of precedence UNQUOTE (50-odd items of which most on
        Consolidate
China list 1 st). Aide-memoire proposes remaining items and differential

should be dropped from list during period further six months. States

British making above proposal in belief discussions will be more fruitful

if US aware British proposals before Prime Minister's visit end January;

suggests after US Government has studied proposal British would welcome

talks between officials preferably London as soon as possible and prior to
                                            MacArthur
Prime Minister's visit. In receiving memoire MacArthur noted we were not

certain discussions between experts would be necessary if in advance we

had clear indication of British position which Mr. Coulson had now given.
MacArthur
MacArthur said, however, that this was one of the points that our people

would look into; and, in due course, we would be in touch with him.

                                            Will communicate

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Will communicate further concerning matter of possible experts' discussions
after further consideration in Washington.

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